

Our nation owes a tremendous debt to the men and women who risk their lives to protect us. VA benefits are an important way that we show our thanks. These benefits range from direct compensation for veterans who were injured during service, to life insurance, home loan assistance and many others. [Get help filing a claim for these benefits](#) , or you can apply online now for VA benefits using the new [10-10 EZ form](#) .

Compensation for Service Connected Disability

The most commonly used and well known VA benefit, other than healthcare, is disability compensation payments. Veterans who are injured or who become sick during their service, or who develop a condition after their service that is related to their service, are eligible for payments from the VA. These payments are based on the severity of the disability, which the VA measures on a scale of one to a hundred. A veteran who is rated by the VA as 100 percent disabled is eligible for payments of \$2,673 a month, or higher if they have dependants.

Getting a service connected disability approved by the VA is sometimes needed to receive care at a VA facility.

- [View the VA's official guidebook for veterans' benefits](#) .
- [Learn about many of the benefits offered by the VA](#) .
- [View tables of the compensation rates for different disabilities](#) .
- If you or a loved one will be returning from active duty soon and would like to get a head start on applying for benefits, [find information about the VA's Benefits Delivery at Discharge Program](#) .
- The VA also has a useful [reference](#) that shows when and for how long you may be eligible for certain benefits.

Veterans who suffered severe injuries while in service may also be eligible for [Special Monthly Compensation](#) on top of their other disability payments.

Veterans who are 65 and older, or who are permanently and totally disabled may be eligible for a [pension from the VA](#) .

Survivors and minor children of deceased veterans or service members who died in service may also be eligible for a [survivor pension](#) .